IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace all prior versions or listing of claims with the following:

1. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical aqueous suspension comprising:

a) a therapeutically effective amount of suspended solid particles in crystal form comprising at least one active ingredient;

b) a thickener;

c) a uniformly dispersed nucleation inhibitor; and

d) at least one amino polycarboxylic acid compound; and

wherein the suspension has a pH of about 3.7 to 8.

2. (original) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein the suspended solid particles are hydrophobic and the suspension further comprises a surfactant.

3. (original) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein the suspended solid particles have a median particle size, as measured by laser scattering, of about 1 to about 20 microns.

4. (original) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein the suspension comprises a blend of at least a structuring agent and a swelling agent as the thickener.

5. (original) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is substantially insoluble in an aqueous environment at room temperature.

6. (original) A suspension according to claim 1 wherein the aqueous suspension has a pH between 3 and 6 at room temperature.

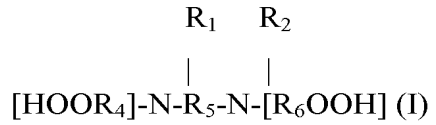
7. (original) A suspension according to claim 1 wherein the nucleation inhibitor is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

8. (original) A suspension according to claim 1 wherein the pH of the aqueous suspension remains within 0.2 pH units for a period of at least four weeks starting from its complete formulation when stored at a temperature of at least 60°C.

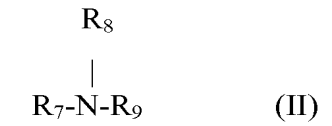
9. (original) A suspension according to claim 1 wherein the viscosity remains constant for at least two weeks when stored at a temperature of at least 60°C.

10. (original) A suspension according to claim 1 wherein the viscosity within a range of plus or minus 25% of its initial value for a period of at least 8 weeks when stored at a temperature of 60°C.

11. (original) A suspension according to claim 1 wherein the amino polycarboxylic acid compound is a compound according to formula (I) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof:



wherein $R_1$ and $R_2$, independently of one another, are hydrogen, hydroxy-terminated $C_1$-$C_4$ alkylene, carboxylic-terminated $C_1$-$C_4$ alkylene or N-$[R_3OOH]_m$;
and $R_3$, $R_4$, $R_5$ and $R_6$ are independently of one another are $C_1$-$C_4$ alkylene
and m is 1 or 2;
or formula (II)



wherein $R_7$, $R_8$ and $R_9$, independently of one another, are hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_4$ alkyl, carboxylic-terminated $C_1$-$C_4$ alkylene or hydroxy-terminated $C_1$-$C_4$ alkylene
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of formula (I) or (II).

12. (original) A suspension according to claim 11, wherein at least one amino polycarboxylic acid compound is represented by formula (I) and $R_1$, $R_2$ and $R_3$ are ethylene.

13. (original) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein the amino polycarboxylic acid compound is selected from the group consisting of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), hydroxyethylethylenediaminetriacetic acid, dihydroxyethylethylenediaminediacetic acid, 1,3-propanediaminetetraacetic acid, diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid, triethylenetetraminehexaacetic acid, iminodiacetic acid, methyliminodiacetic acid, nitrilotriacetic acid, and salts thereof, and mixtures thereof.

14. (original) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein the amino polycarboxylic acid compound is selected from ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid and salts thereof and mixtures thereof.

15. (original) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein the amino polycarboxylic acid compound is disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate.

16. (original) A suspension according to claim 11 wherein the active ingredient is an anti-histamine or analgesic.

17. (original) A suspension according to claim 14 wherein the active ingredient is loratadine.

18. (original) A suspension according to claim 16 wherein the active ingredient is acetaminophen or ibuprofen.

19. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical aqueous suspension comprising:

a) a therapeutically effective amount of suspended solid particles in crystal form comprising at least one active ingredient;

b) a blended thickening component comprising xanthan gum and pre-gelatinized starch~~, said thickening component comprising a swelling agent and a structuring agent~~;

c) at least one amino polycarboxylic acid compound; and

wherein the suspension has a pH of about 3.7 to 8.

20. (original) A suspension according to claim 19 wherein the swelling agent is a pregelatinized starch and the structuring agent is a hydrocolloid.

21. (original) A suspension according to claim 19 further comprising a surfactant.

22. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical aqueous suspension comprising a therapeutically effective amount of suspended solid particles in crystal form comprising at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of fexofenadine, loratadine, desloratadine,

terfenadine, astemizole, norastemizole, cetirizine, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, isomers, and mixtures thereof,

wherein the suspension has a pH of about 3.7 to 8; and

wherein the suspended solid particles have a median particle size, as measured by laser scattering, of about 1 to about 20 microns after 4 weeks at 60°C.